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"We had been searching for something for over a year. Chris James showed us many cottages before we settled on this one. Chris gives good advice. He's patient. He answers all your questions. I recommend Chris and the rest of the team."

Jesse Collover



"Thanks to The Trillium Team, we sold the cottage in short order -- despite a sagging market. And it didn't end there. After the sale, they went above and beyond by helping us source short-term storage for our contents. In short, they turned a potentially stressful move into a positive experience. We would have no hesitation recommending them or using them again in the future."

Ted Thaler



"Anthony offered his help from the moment we spoke with him until the cottage was sold. He checked in at all times and he and his team were always available. My family cannot thank him enough for all that he did. Thanks also to Nanci for her support and advice as well. It was a pleasure to work with the Trillium Team."

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"Got asking price for my vacant land after 8 days on the market, every question I had was answered quickly and honestly, very happy with the services."

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"Thank you Trillium Team, Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton for the amazing job selling our cottage. Loved the pictures, great advice and the professional way it was handled. You made it easy, stress free and sold quick!!"

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"We have sold other properties in our home area and now that we've had the Trillium experience we know how good Anthony and his team really are (esp. Marcia). They are easy to recommend."

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A clean shoreline is appreciated by everyone.
/Submitted by Janet Trull

Hometown connections

JANET TRULL
Special to County Life

I left home back in the 1970s. In those days, kids didn't stick around long after high school. You bought a car for five hundred bucks and hit the road, your hometown receding in the rear view mirror. My mother encouraged me to go (although she regrets it now). She thought I was meant for bigger things. Instead, I ended up in another small town.

Haliburton has a lot in common with Dunnville. They are both cottage towns with local economies that depend on tourist dollars. Except, in Dunnville, a lot of those dollars are American. During the years I was growing up in the 1960s and 1970s, Lake Erie was declared a dead lake as a result of the quantity of heavy pollution from industry on both the Canadian and American shores. It was an environmental disaster. Of course, like most humans in the middle of an environmental crisis, we blamed everyone else. Especially Cleveland. We kept boating and swimming and we never really did stop eating Lake Erie perch. We just didn't make a steady diet of it. But the lake got too stinky to ignore. We had to walk through metres and metres of disgusting algae and bloated dead fish to get to the water. Dead sea gulls littered the sand. It was bad.

Cottagers, many of them from the Buffalo area, started to get alarmed. They joined the protests to get their government to act. Phosphorus and nitrogen runoff was causing soil erosion. Sewer overflows were common. There were regular warnings about fish consumption, especially for pregnant women. Wildlife habitats were destroyed.

It took a great deal of activism and protests by citi-

zens, because the Clean Water Act was originally vetoed by Nixon. Fortunately, the people kicked up a fuss. In 1972, it was passed, regulating industrial dumping. That same year, the United States and Canada signed the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement in an attempt to lower the amount of pollutants entering the Great Lakes. It is considered an "almost too late" success story. Point Pelee, the first National Park in Canada to be established for conservation, is an example of a fragile ecosystem that rebounded. Eagles, osprey and peregrine falcons are nesting again and building families. Lake sturgeon (about 6,000 in the Detroit River as of 2017) and lake whitefish are once again spawning, beavers have returned, and now the otters are back in Lake Erie.

Here in Haliburton County, our pristine lakes are not immune to these problems. Pollutants, climate change and shoreline erosion require immediate interventions. Citizens are taking an active role in government policies at local, provincial and national levels, and they are making a difference. Environment Haliburton (EH!) is among the local organizations advocating for environmental protection and conservation. They are knowledgeable about actions and restrictions required to keep our wetlands and forests and lakes from deteriorating further. Change isn't popular, but neither is a dead lake.

Last week, when I was in Dunnville visiting my mother, we packed up the lawn chairs and a picnic and drove down the dusty backroad to the beach. We waded in clear water and collected pebbles and storm glass. Sailboats tacked back and forth. On the far shore, we could see the blue outline of Pennsylvania. The beach was almost deserted. The tourists are all but gone.

So much to celebrate in both my towns.
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Bow season is here

STEVE GALEA

Outdoors

Oct. 1 marks the beginning of the bow season for deer in Haliburton County and many other places in the province. Although it is a popular hunt, it's one that is less visible to the non-hunting public because bow hunters don't tend to walk into town with their hunting clothes on (most strive to keep them scent free) and you certainly can't hear the shots echoing through the woods.

A close range hunt

Bow hunting is different from rifle hunting because of the tools used. While most rifle kills on deer in Ontario are typically within 100 yards, the average bow kill is at 20 yards or less. Which is to say, bow hunting requires a hunter to get very close to the deer he or she will harvest. That's often easier said than done.

You see, the hunter doesn't just want any deer in close proximity. He or she wants a relaxed deer (that he or she has a tag for) within close proximity. A nervous, suspicious deer is prone to ducking or moving when an arrow is released, which sometimes results in a miss or a less than perfect shot. A relaxed deer, on the other hand, generally moves only after the arrow has

passed through it.

Because of these factors, bow hunters utilize a couple of strategies. One is sitting high in a tree stand. This keeps the hunter out of the deer's normal line of sight (they will look up if you give them cause to however) and just as importantly, it keeps the hunter's scent above the animal, which is important because deer have an incredible sense of smell and will bolt or get very cautious when they scent a human within close proximity.

Some hunters also use ground blinds, which are essentially cube-like camouflaged tents, that hide the hunter and mask his or her movement.

Both tree stands and ground blinds should be set up downwind from where you expect the deer to approach from. If a deer scents you, it's game over.

With either type of stand, it is common to place bait down within 20 yards.

There are also some hunters who stalk or stalk and call deer, but these people are greatly tipping the odds of success in the deer's favour. But when you succeed, you really feel like you earned the animal.

Baiting

Many non-hunters think baiting for deer is an unsportsmanlike practice.

But the truth is baiting promotes ethical shot placement.

A deer at a bait eventually relaxes and has its head down when eating, which allows the bowhunter to draw and shoot at an unsuspecting relaxed animal. The goal of every bowhunter is to hit the deer in the heart-lung area. A hit here with sharp broadhead is a very lethal shot, which puts the deer down in short order. It is rare for bow killed deer to die right on the spot, but I have seen it a few times. Mostly, they run off until loss of blood and collapsed lungs or punctured heart stop working. A well hit deer will frequently expire within sight. Otherwise, hunters follow the blood trail until they find the expired animal.

The hunting tools

At one time bowhunters only used traditional long bows or recurves. These days a bowhunter is more likely to use a very accurate and powerful crossbow, most of which have scopes or other accuracy enhancing sights. Some bowhunters still use traditional gear, and others use compound bows too.

All of these are ideal for use within small woodlots and smaller properties since arrows do not travel far and noise is not an issue. Each of them, in the right hands, are very effective hunting

tools too. Bowhunting allows hunters to utilize properties that are not conducive to the safe use of firearms.

A popular hunt

Ever since bowhunting seasons have been implemented, more hunters have been joining the ranks. The reasons are simple: longer seasons extending into December, less-crowded woods, and the activity is well-suited to hunters who like to hunt alone or in small groups. Bow hunts can also happen after work if your hunting property is close enough.

In Ontario, at least, the main factor that has popularized bowhunting is the modern crossbow. While traditional and compound bows require a special set of skills and plenty of practice, most people who have shot a rifle can pick up a crossbow and be very accurate in a very short period of time.

Bowhunting, for those who are into it, is one of the most exciting of hunting disciplines. It often means getting very close to many animals and watching and learning about how they act while they are completely unaware of you. Sometimes the best bow hunts do not even see an arrow launched.

In any case, the season is here. Though most people probably never heard.

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What's new at Point in Time?

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Point in Time

Join us on Oct. 18 to connect and listen to the voices of experience at the Full Circle event. This event is free and open to service providers and members of the public wanting to get involved in fostering a compassionate and evidence-based approach to substance use and mental health in Haliburton County. Register at www.pointintime.ca/events.

PinT/Canopy Addressing Challenging Behaviour Event

Do you have a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who engages in challenging behaviours? Join Point in Time and Canopy Support Services on Oct. 26 at the Haliburton Point in Time office as we discuss the role of four functions of behaviour that trigger challenging behaviours, strategies on how to handle challenging behaviours, and how to decrease these behaviours. After our one hour presentation there will be time to meet with one of our Behaviour Consultants (BCBA) to address a specific behaviour concern. This is a free event through Foundational Family Services. Register with Point in Time, Dawn Mole-Hurd 705-457-5345, ext. 104 or email dawnh@pointintime.ca.

High school clinic evaluation

The 2021 high school clinic evaluation results are in!

The Point in Time high school drop-in clinic offers youth attending the local high school a safe and confidential place to access counselling with a trained mental health worker from Point in Time, 3 days per week throughout the school year. Check out the www.pointintime.ca/about for highlights of the results.

Youth Hub Update drop-in

Our drop-in times have changed! Now Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays 12 to 3 p.m..

Transportation

The late bus is running to West Guilford, Carnarvon and Minden Tuesdays and Thursdays and Wilberforce, Harcourt and Cardiff on Thursdays. PreVenture Program Coming Soon!

The Youth Hub is excited to be working with Trillium Lakelands District School Board and Canadian Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) to offer the PreVenture program. Grade 8 students will participate in the two-session workshop that helps find the ideal coping strategies for their personality type, helping to prevent substance use. This is scheduled to begin late fall.

Adventure Card Game

Adventure Card Game begins Oct. 6th, running Fridays 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Created in collaboration with the Acton Foundation/Acton Academy NFP, the ultimate purpose of the game is to help youth learn to find and walk the path of discovering how their unique strengths and experiences connect with a greater purpose and community - so youth can walk the winding, rocky path towards finding their "calling," and make their life an adventure. Stay tuned for information to register!

Youth Hub staffing update

Please join us in welcoming our new individual placement and support worker (IPS) for the Lift Program, Megan Havill, as well as Jen Dale as our new care coordinator!

We are also welcoming our first high school co-op placement student, Kate Booth. Kate will be supporting youth engagement and our youth advisory committee, planning activities and helping with drop-in.

Please, continue to check out our Facebook page, Instagram, and website for events that are happening within Haliburton County. For more information, please contact us: Phone 705- 457- 5345, or text 705-854-0576, or email info@pointintime.ca.

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Giving thanks to the present

EACH DAY that passes, our beautiful deciduous trees show more vibrant colours of red, orange, and yellow.

It seems like someone sets fire to the green leaves overnight, and they steadily take on the colour of the red-hot coals and billowing flames.

Just as fast as they brighten, they're gone - falling to the Earth in heaps of crumbly brown foliage.

Queue the science references.

This is sort of like what the end of our Sun's life will be like.

The Sun steadily converts hydrogen atoms into helium for a few billion years, and then expands and turns into a Red Giant.

After this spectacular display (which will swallow up the Earth, but, let's ignore that), it will then dwindle into a White Dwarf.

As soon as leaves reach their peak, they shed from the branches that gave them life and allowed them to conduct photosynthesis for a few months.

The timeline for the lifespan of leaves and stars is a little different, but the concept is the same; produce helium or oxygen, become gloriously red and bright, and then die.

Both of these processes make me a little squirmy.



Those stunning leaves are going to turn into dirt? The Sun is going to explode and then die? That seems a little drastic to me.

But, it doesn't change the fact that it happens or will happen.

Thanksgiving falls right around the time that the leaves in Haliburton County reach their peak colours.

This is my favourite time of the year, but there is always underlying dread that those leaves will inevitably fall to the ground and turn brown.

I'm trying to not feel melancholy about that this year.

I'm trying to be thankful for what they are, when they are, instead of wishing for them to stay bright and beautiful.

I think Thanksgiving should really be about just that; being thankful for what we have, when we have it.

It's easy to live each day thinking about the next.

It's easy to spend heaps of time thinking about what's going to inevitably happen in the future when we should be focused on what's happening right in front of us.

I know, how many times have you heard that?

But, it's a necessary reminder, especially as we approach Thanksgiving weekend.

Now is the perfect time to focus on what's happening presently and who's around you, because things won't always be the way they are.

The only thing that's certain in life is uncertainty.

This year is the first time in two years that families will be able to gather normally for the holiday.

The year before that, I don't think any of us could've predicted what was coming.

Lots of us spent our time during the height of the pandemic wishing we had appreciated the good times while we had them.

I wish I had been more engaged when gathering with people in 2019 instead of worrying about my next school assignment.

I wish I spent more time with my family and friends regardless of being busy.

Now, we have the chance to do that, so, let's not waste it.

Nothing stays the same forever, we can't always count on our health, and we definitely can't depend on the world to stay consistent.

Wherever you are and whoever you're with this weekend, be fully there.

Let's appreciate life for what it is today, because if the leaves always looked the way they do now, maybe we wouldn't consider them beautiful anymore.

Top 10 reasons why you shouldn't rake leaves

I know I go on about not raking your leaves. But that's only because I care. After all, there is no logical reason to rake leaves, unless you are some sort of weird rake enthusiast. Better still, there are 10 good reasons why you shouldn't. Here they are:

1. If you do, people will see you never mowed the grass all summer.
2. It eliminates the possibility of dying in a freak, rake-related accident?
3. The trees are littering, and you are enabling it.
4. Every pile you make attracts six noisy kids.
5. If you have enough leaves on your lawn, you'll have a soft landing when you trip over the rake you hid.
6. A can or two of beans the night before and you've got yourself a very effective leaf blower.
7. Why would you want to uncover last year's leaves?
8. It's not your lawn.
9. They serve as hurricane detectors.
10. In a post-apocalyptic era, old leaves just might be used as currency.



Trail

Sun brushing Lake with strokes of light,
burnishing the leaves of trees, that flutter above the trail,
riddled with roots and rocks, that winds up and up, towards a Sky swelling with lead-bellied clouds,
Wind sweeping through the slopes of trees, the rustling of their leaves, giving me pause,
as I rest my Breath and listen, leaning against a boulder that flanks the path, my shoulders curling into its hunched back.

Sun dulling the blades of Wind, slicing through Air, as I cup my face up towards Sky, and close my eyes, listening to the leaves tremble in their trees, the silence a leaf leaves behind when it falls.

My eyes flutter open, dazzled by the display of swaying trees, dripping in shades of russet and crimson and bronze,
light drenching the trail, as I peer down at the pebble nestled in the leaves.

I slouch closer, my shadow hovering over the tiny turtle, its head peeking out of its shell, still as the roots and rocks that surround it.

I stare at this inch long turtle, left to fend for itself along this winding trail,
wondering where its Mama went, whether its siblings are inching their way across this craggy terrain, somewhere nearby, their odyssey leading them to the puddle of Lake, shimmering down below.

I stare at this pebble-sized creature, the immensity of space that surrounds it, as its head wriggles in the Air, and I wonder whether I should step back and leave it be, to continue on its journey,
or scoop it up into the nest of my palm and place it amongst the trees, springing from cracks in the rock, away from human traffic along the trail,
overlooking the Lake, blinking blue, below.

For a long while, I peer down at the stillness of the turtle, as trees rustle all around us,
Sun beats down from a cloud-speckled Sky,
wondering whether it knows where it's going, or whether it will know, when it arrives,
no one to guide it, only its instinct, to survive.

I decide to scoop it up into my palm, and carry it towards the tangle of trees, beneath a canopy of blazing leaves, hoping I haven't altered its course,
the tiny turtle wriggling as I place it on the ground, next to a fallen leaf.

I stand back up, gazing out at the vista of Lake and Sky,
at the trees dappling the hills in shades of russet and crimson and bronze,
wondering about all the invisible turtles, inching along on their odysseys across the ruggedness of roots and rocks,
feeling cracks in the earth, breathing beneath them, forging their own trail towards the place where they arrive,
pausing to rest, taking their time.

Sylvie Kalenda

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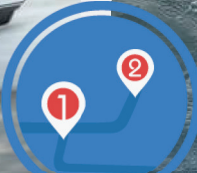


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Correction for
Studio Tour

Artistic creations by Studio
Rose. /Submitted

In last week's Studio Tour edition of *County Life* - *Biggest year ever for Studio Tour*, artist's Joyce Pruysers-Emmink and Maureen Bennett's names were misspelled.



Halls Island Artist Residency gives back

The 2022 season of the Halls Island Artist Residency, located on Koshlong Lake, Haliburton, has just wrapped up. Each Halls Island artist is requested to “give back” to the local community. The Halls Island Artist Residency Volunteer Committee is pleased to announce three upcoming community sessions.

Each event is offered free to the public though pre-registration is required. For further information, or to register, please visit the Halls Island website at www.hallsisland.ca. The Halls Island Artist Residency is part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative.

An Introduction to Creative Non-Fiction

Writer Lori Twining presents An Introduction to Creative Nonfiction: Uncovering the secrets of the

four subgenres. To be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636, located at 12847 Highway 35, Minden. Unlock your creativity and go beyond limitations at this fun and informative workshop. Using examples and exercises, participants will learn how to recognize markets and discover new opportunities to stretch their imaginations. Suitable for all levels, from those just exploring the process to experienced writers. Lori will bring her signature easygoing and professional style to the workshop. Lori’s fiction and nonfiction works have appeared in literary magazines, anthologies, and a variety of media, including *Best Canadian Literature*, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, and *Blank Spaces Magazine*. She lives and writes in Grey County, and routinely blogs at *Ascribe Writers*.

Participants may stay after the workshop for brunch, which will be available to order for \$10 to \$14. This workshop is presented in partnership with the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands Literary Arts Roundtable.

The Halls Island Experience

The final scheduled public event is with local fabric artist Jane Selbie. Jane is a familiar name on the Haliburton County Studio Tour. She will be at the Red

Umbrella Inn on Oct. 27 as part of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands Visual Artists and Artisans Roundtable (VAAR) event. Jane will share photos and highlights of her own experience as a resident of Halls Island earlier this summer. As Jane has participated in other artist residencies, she will also offer insight into topics such as, at what point in an artist’s career is a residency appropriate, how to find the right residency, tips on how to apply, how to prepare your work plan, tips for taking art supplies. Jane’s presentation will be from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and dinner will follow. There will be a special menu to order meals from in advance of the event.

Halls Island is privately owned by a family whose generosity is providing the residency, accommodations and island access for the chosen artists. HIAR is a member of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, a not-for-profit organization that encourages, develops and supports several community groups in the Highlands.

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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
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The internet can be really intimidating. There's a wealth of excellent information online that can enrich our lives, but there are also conspiracy theories, disinformation, and charlatans. This isn't that much different than the time before the internet. I remember receiving, and sending, chain letters via snail mail. I remember reading about conspiracy theories in books. And charlatanry certainly predates any kind of telecommunications technology, let alone the internet. However, it is most certainly easier for scammers and grifters to reach more targets via email or social media, than hawking their wares via horse and buggy in the town square or taking out ads on the back pages of newspapers.

It helps to remember that the internet as we understand it, is relatively new. In a way, we're only at a similar stage with the internet now as we would have been with the rise of radio in the 1940s in terms of uptake. While internet skills can vary as much within generations as between them, there are generational differences in how we've experienced the meteoric growth of the internet. For Gen Z, Millennials and many GenXers, the internet has been around for longer in our lives than not, while the Baby Boomers would have experienced the seismic shifts the internet brought well into their adulthood.

The World Wide Web, what we often think of when we talk about the internet, was created in 1989 by British scientist, Tim Berners-Lee while working at CERN. (CERN is the European Council for Nuclear Research (in French *Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire*.) He brought together a number of technologies that were being developed to create a system that allowed users to search for information located on computer networks and viewed it in a way that hadn't been possible before, including the ability to display sound, pictures, and click on links. In 1993, CERN declared that the technology developed at CERN for the World Wide Web would be freely usable by anyone. This has formed the bedrock of how we view the internet—as a digital commons where everyone can participate.

According to Ian Peter's *History of the Internet*, by 1992 the internet only had around 26 sites. By 1998, there were 750,000 commercial sites on the World Wide Web. Today, there are (an estimated) nearly 2 billion websites indexed online—and that's just what search engines can see. Beneath that, there are all manner of things search engines can't see. This so-called "Deep Web" includes any data that isn't available to a search engine but is still stored and accessed online. Things such as public library catalogue search results, private databases, pay for use websites, data housed on file hosting services, and encrypted sensitive data like your banking information.

So, the internet is huge. Not only huge from a "how much stuff" perspective, but also in the many ways that it touches our lives. From paying for your groceries to mindlessly scrolling TikTok, the internet is just as much a staple of our modern lives as the telephone or electricity.

So how do we empower ourselves to participate in a digital society and avoid the very real pitfalls of life online? How do we find what information is good on the internet, and avoid being duped by people who want to take advantage of us?

In a previous *County Life* article, *Combating Misinformation* (Oct. 8, 2020), I wrote about how to critically evaluate information on the internet. But I also wrote about how hard that can be to do—even for me, and I went to school for this stuff. It's still an important thing to do, but sometimes it's nice to have a shortcut. And one really good shortcut is to use your public library as a guide.

On the Haliburton County Public Library website (haliburtonlibrary.ca), we have what we call our Digital Library. On this page there are currently 58 entries that include our database subscriptions, and what we like to think of as the "best of the web." These websites are ones that library staff rely on in their day-to-day lives that we think will be useful to you too. You can find all sorts of useful things like online newspapers and magazines, government resources, entertainment, health information, and more all from vetted sources.

Search engines like Google use web crawling robots to index websites and an algorithm to generate your search results—ostensibly based on your previous web viewing habits. While this means that your search results are almost always up-to-date, it also means that there's no personal experience or critical thought going into the quality of those search results. There's not the friendly helper giving you a much needed hand.

Human curated lists of websites are not a new idea. Web directories, web rings, and other specialty collections of websites have been around since the early 1990s. While something like our Digital Library page will never have the breadth and reach of a search engine like Google, what we lack in quantity we make up for in quality.

Letting your public library be your friendly neighbourhood internet guide means that you're not alone when looking for information online—you're getting help from all the people you trust at HCPL when you click a link on our Digital Library page. We're always adding to our Digital Library, so if you don't see something there you would like to, just let us know and we'll evaluate your suggestion. By working together, we can make life on the internet a little less intimidating, and a lot more useful for everyone.

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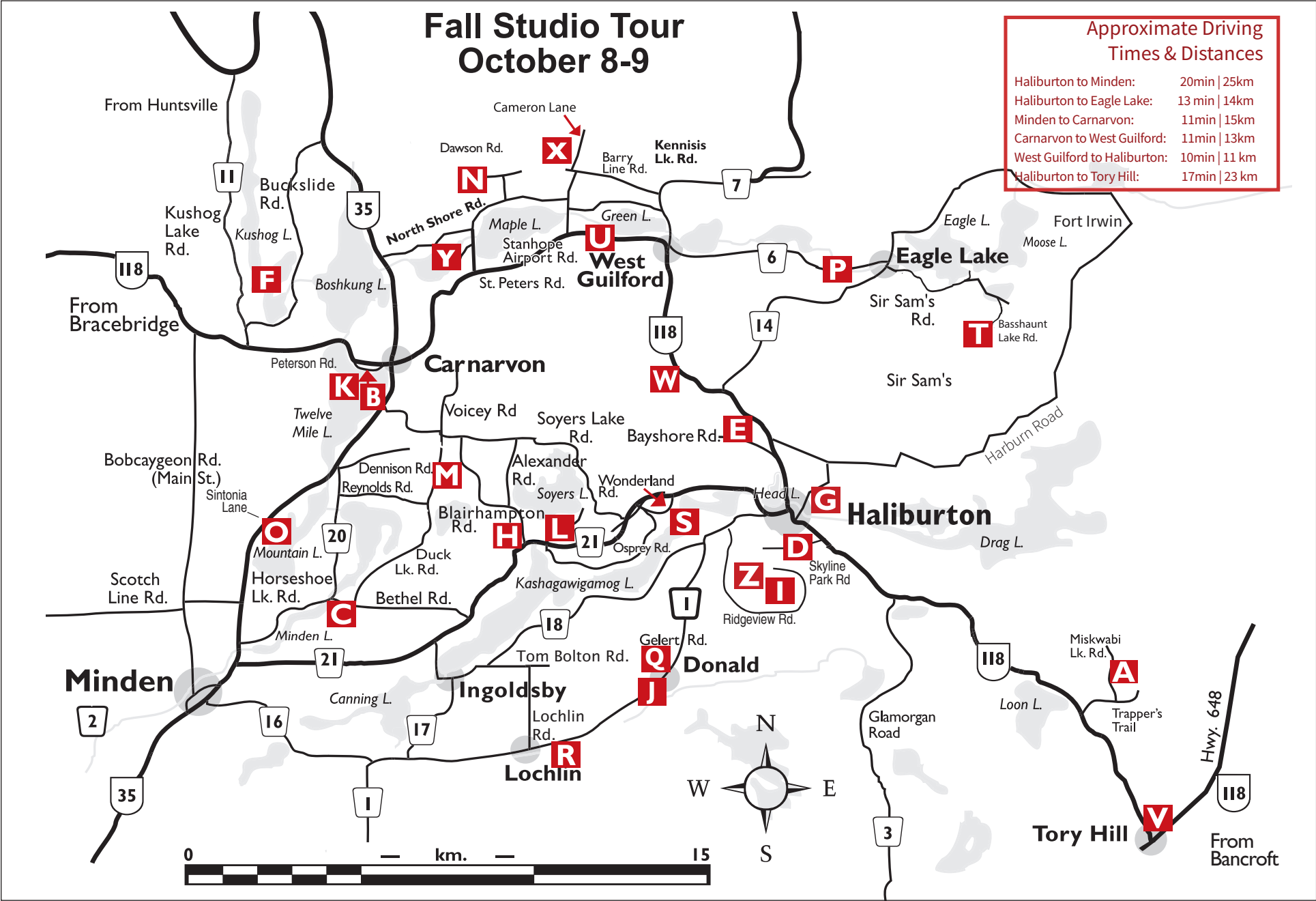
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Sir Sam's Ski & Ride launches Eagle View

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Special to *County Life*

For three months of the year, Sir Sam's ski hill is a skier's and snowboarder's delight. Now, with its launch of Eagle View Wedding and Event Centre (EVWEC) located on the second floor of its landmark chalet, the renovated space, large deck, and chairlift to the top of the hill with stunning views of Eagle Lake, offer a unique experience for weddings, anniversary parties, corporate events, family reunions, and celebrations of life from April to November.

"It's such a beautiful area and such a beautiful view," Doug Wilkinson, the new owner of Sir Sam's Ski and Ride, said. "When the chairlifts are used as part of a special wedding package, the bride and groom and their bridal party take the chairlift to the top of the hill in full wedding attire for an incredible experience on their big day."

Wilkinson has also built a wedding platform on the hill.

"Think of it as a big deck, right at the top of the hill on one of the points, so you can put your whole wedding party up there," he said. "We will be building an arbour over it, and then behind it, we'll be preparing a section for up to two hundred chairs."

Sir Sam's director of events Kayla Gardiner said the chairlift provides spectacular views, which are great for photos.

"We already have some weddings booked for 2023/2024, and have com-



The view of Eagle Lake is a destination, as seen with a wedding couple during their photo shoot. /Photo by of Danielle Meredith

pleted almost 20 events in the new centre since June. Now, we're moving into our Christmas party season. And, we have many public events scheduled that we'll be throwing throughout the year," she

said.

On Oct. 8 and 9, EVWEC is holding a family fall festival with a pop-up market and vendors from the local area, plus a pumpkin patch and face painting for kids.

"One of the biggest features is a scenic chairlift ride," Gardiner said. "It's a really good opportunity for people to come and check out the space, go all the way to the top, see all the beautiful colours, take photos and then come all the way back down."

The centre can hold up to 200 guests for a wedding ceremony.

"If it's a charity event or a gala, we have capacity [for] up to 600 people in the chalet," Gardiner said. "We have a very large dance floor with A/V equipment and an equally large 'mix and mingle' room. And the room where we hold a reception has a very large bar. There's a lot of outdoor deck space as well."

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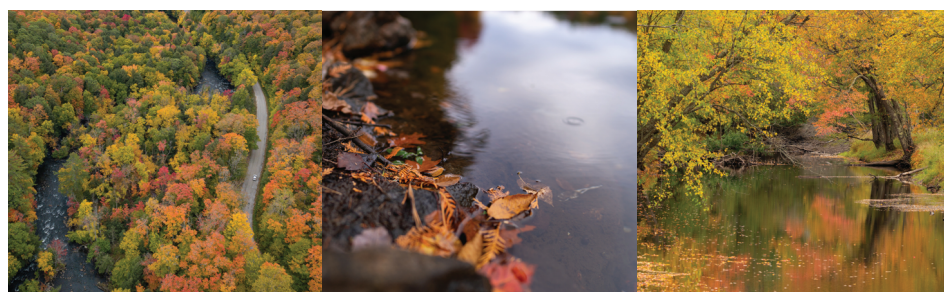
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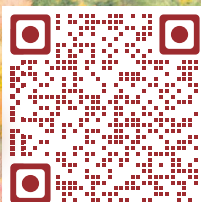
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Volunteer coordinator Margo Ross, left, and HCSA president John Enright, right, presented the 2022 Volunteer of the Year award to Brad Griffin at their annual general meeting held at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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Scott Patterson, left, and Sherri Patterson, third from left, received the Family of the Year Award from Enright, at back, and Ross.



Noah Black, centre, recieved the Groomer Operator of the Year award from Ross and also joined the board of directors.



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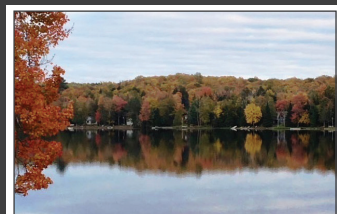
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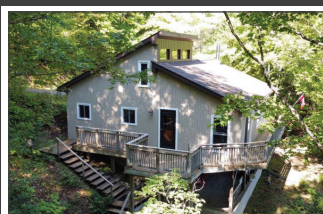
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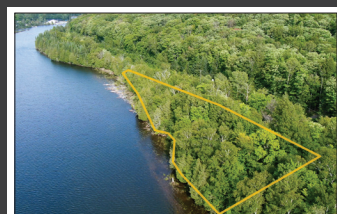
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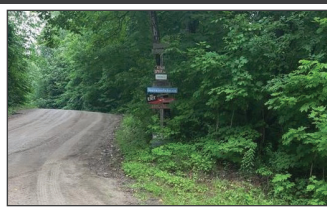
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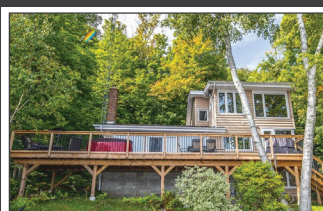
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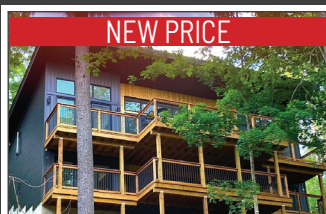
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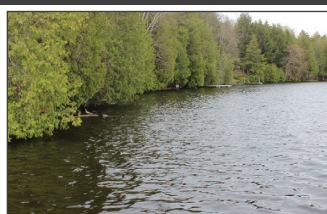
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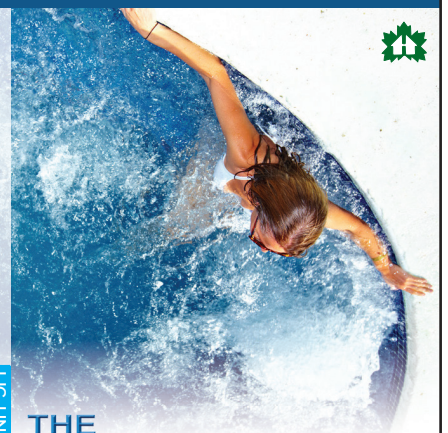
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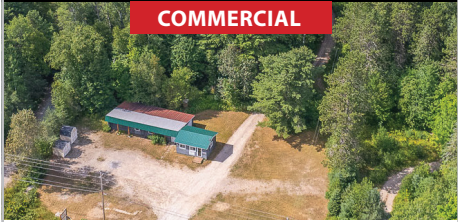
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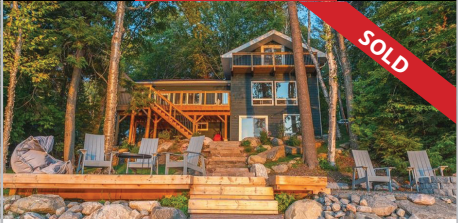
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Future of hospital still concerns council

Minden Council will continue to pursue confirmation of a meeting with the board of St. Joseph's General Hospital.

The matter was again brought to the table at last Thursday's council meeting when councillor Lewis Stevens commented on a letter he recently received from board chairman Melvin Johnson.

The letter was in response to earlier correspondence from Stevens, who expressed his personal feelings about the future of the Minden Hospital. Johnson's response mentions Lewis' concerns but offers no new insight into the board's plans for the hospital.

"All he's done is highlighted everything I had in my memo," said Stevens. Council must continue to pursue a meeting with the board. And, he added, council has to be well prepared when a meeting is arranged.

Although local MPP Dennis Drainville has promised that the Minden Hospital will not be closed, council members have expressed concern about the level of service the facility will provide in the future. Council has written to Drainville asking for assurance that there will be no reduction in services.

In the mean time, a study is underway by the planning and development committee which is to examine long-term and acute care needs in the county. A fundraising drive has been initiated by a local group and the Minden Rotary Club has committed \$125,000 for acute and long-term care facilities in

the Minden area.

Commenting on the study, Stevens said the primary focus is on long term care. "I'm more concerned with the Minden Hospital than with long-term care," he said. "We should be looking to do something."

Later in the meeting, Reeve Bern Berry brought the issue to the floor again. Responding to the downturn in local construction, he said the construction of a new hospital could provide jobs for local tradesmen.

Berry, who also sits on the planning and development committee, suggested that a new, centrally-located hospital would solve two problems. The county owns property at the Alsaw flats, he said, which is suitable for a 40-bed hospital.

"I'd like some higher level of government to inject some money into this county," said Berry. A large construction project would go a long way in easing the county's unemployment rate, which is hovering around 30 per cent. He noted that the county intends to build new offices, but that project is on hold.

"It's scary," he said, referring to the downturn in construction. "I don't know what we'll do. The only thing is the county building and it's a long way off."

Berry again suggested his hospital proposal would help matters. "Maybe it's the thing to do instead of studies. We need some employment in Haliburton County."

Yes...no....or maybe

Opposing sides debate Constitutional Accord at the high school

A "yes" vote on the constitution will lead to civil war. Or, it will strengthen the ties that bind this country. It all depends on which side of the argument you tend to believe.

Haliburton residents had a chance to gain some new insight into both sides of the arguments last Thursday during a debate at the high school. Barry Devolin and Munroe Scott presented the "no" arguments while David Bishop and Guy Scott argued in favour of the Charlottetown Accord.

"This constitution is a recipe for civil war," Munroe Scott told the large gathering. It creates ethnic governments by granting the right of self government to Canada's Aboriginal peoples, he said. "Canada is possibly the most ethnic country in the world." He cautioned that this agreement gives ethnic governments the power to utilize the notwithstanding clause which governs the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. "This is a recipe for civil war entrenched in the constitution," he warned.

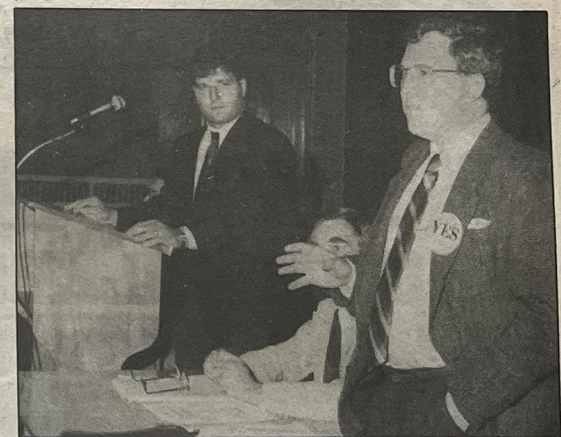
Bishop, on the other hand, expressed his belief in the strength of Canada. "I have an ingrained childhood belief in the strength of Canada." He said this country has an abundance of resources which bode well for a promising future.

Bishop, who is a member of the county's "YES to Canada" committee, said he suspects special interest groups are behind the "no" vote arguments. Self interest groups are distrustful of the democratic process of working out the details, he said.

The "YES" committee "are just people," said Bishop. We're not movers or shakers." He said the special interest groups on the "no" side are "daring you and I." He said they want to convince people to vote "no" in order to benefit their own interests.

Devolin argued to the contrary. He notes the make-up of the "no" side bridges all political parties. There are Reformers, Liberals, Conservatives and New Democrats on both sides of the argument, he said.

He also commented on the generated fear of being unpatriotic with a "no" vote. Former Prime Minister Pierre



Guy Scott (right) emphasizes a "yes" point at the debate while Chris Hodgson looks on.

Trudeau's argument in opposition to the accord is proof of this, he said.

"Whatever you believe about Trudeau, he had a vision for Canada," said Devolin. His public opposition to the accord demonstrates that it is not anti-Canadian to say no.

Devolin also commented on special rights being granted to groups. "I don't believe we should have different sets of rules for different people." This accord will give special rights to Anglos, French, Quebecois and Aboriginal peoples, he said.

A constitution is supposed to come from the people to outline the manner in which governments work, said Devolin. This accord was designed by governments and put to the people for a non-binding vote.

"Somehow this has all been turned upside down," Devolin contends, and the result is an accord that favours governments. He said the notwithstanding clause allows individual governments to opt out of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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